

Current Staff Assignments

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Don Sloma – Executive Director, plans and directs Board staffing, advises on Board project development, coordinates meeting agendas, and conducts exploratory studies on emerging public health issues. In addition, his specific project assignments include improving communication with local Boards, developing local Board orientation and technical assistance strategies, developing the Board's Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative, and developing a limited Healthy Aging Initiative. Don also represents the Board's interests on the PHIP Steering, Access, Finance, and Standards Committees, the Governor's Sub-cabinet on Health, the State Agency Medical Directors Group, the WSALPHO Public Health Executive Leadership Forum and Health Officers Forum, as well as the Health Committee of the Rainier Institute, and the West Central Washington Choice Regional Health Network Leadership Council. You can reach him at (360) 236-4102 or via email at Don.Sloma@doh.wa.gov

Craig McLaughlin- Senior Policy Manager is our legislative and media contact, manages office workflow, and has responsibility for editing and production of all agency publications. In addition, Craig's specific project assignments include rule improvement governing water recreation, childhood immunizations, local health officer authority to enter private property to control disease vectors, and transient accommodations. Craig also represents the Board's interests on the PHIP Communications, DOH Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness committees, and the state health agency Legislative Liaison Work Group. You can contact Craig at (360) 236-4106 or via email at Craig.Mclaughlin@doh.wa.gov

Marianne Seifert- Environmental Health Policy Advisor (Part time beginning Nov. 1, 2003) is the Board staff's primary contact and liaison with environmental health agencies and interest groups. Marianne's specific project assignments include a survey of environmental health community assessment methods, health workforce disparities, and rule improvement governing school indoor air quality, food service establishments, and on-site sewage treatment. Marianne represents the Board's interests by providing staff support to the state Health Workforce Diversity Network, and by participation with the PHIP Workforce Development Committee, WSALPHO Environmental Health Directors, Partners in Food Safety, the Food Code Revision Workgroup, the Onsite Rule Development Committee, Public Health Assessment in Action Advisory Committee, Northwest Regional Collaborative on Health and the Environment, and the Washington State School Facilities Health and Safety Committee. You can contact Marianne at (360) 236-4103 or via email at Marianne.Seifert@doh.wa.gov

Tara Wolff- Family and Children's Health Policy Advisor, (Part time beginning Nov. 1, 2003) is the Board staff's primary contact and liaison with public health nursing directors, health related school system agencies and personnel, and other family and children's health agencies and interest groups. Tara's specific project assignments include collaboration with OSPI on their Comprehensive School Health and Social Service Plan, collaboration with the State Board of Education to improve physical activity requirements for schools, local forums on school nutrition and physical activity policies and practices, other school health issues. You can reach Tara at (360) 236-4101 or via email at Tara.Wolff@doh.wa.gov

Desiree Robinson – Executive Assistant, is responsible for administrative support staffing for the Board and its staff, including document preparation, website maintenance, travel and meeting arrangements, procurement processing, and time and budget monitoring. She can be reached at (360) 236-4107 or via email at Desiree.Robinson@doh.wa.gov

Jennifer Dodd - Assistant to the Board, summarizes correspondence, conference announcements, reports and professional publications in the Board's FYI postings, summarizes local board meeting minutes, arranges regular visits between state and local board members, assembles Board meeting materials, processes travel vouchers and assists with other office operations. Her contact information is (360) 236-4104 or email is Jennifer.Dodd@doh.wa.gov